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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, US, UK

SUBJECT: BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN COMPROMISE ON MAPUTO

LANGUAGE

REF: SECSTATE 116962

1. WE HAE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FCO OVER THE LAST SEVERAL HOURS ON OWEN'S SUGGESTED AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN HIS LETTER TO THE SECRETARY, TO THE FIVE'S STATEMENT ON THE MAPUTY DECLARATION.

2. OWEN'S AMENDMENT READS:

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE INITIATIVE WE HAVE TAKEN WE CONFIDENTIAL

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FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION."

3. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE GERMANS, BY PHONE THIS EVENING TO THE FCO, HAVE PROPOSED AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE INITIATIVE WE HAVE TAKEN WE FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH A NUMBER OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND OF COURSE OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION."

4. FCO INFORMED US AT 2100 LOCAL THAT OWEN ACCEPTS THIS WORDING. THE FRENCH, AGAIN BY PHONE, HAVE ALSO TOLD THE FCO THAT THEY ACCEPT THE GERMAN AMENDMENT. BONN, PARIS AND LONDON ARE ACCORDINGLY INSTRUCTING THEIR DELEGATIONS IN MAPUTO TO PROPOSE THIS LANGUAGE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS AMONG THE FIVE.

5. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED SECSTATE 116962. IT MAY BE OVERTAKEN BY THE SUGGESTED COMPROMISE IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE.

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